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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
							Small Entity
Fee Description							Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)							50
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)							200
Multiple dependent claims							360
Total Claims							
24 - 24 =							
Extra Claims							
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.							
Indep. Claims							
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Extra Claims							
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Fee (\$)							
Fee Paid (\$)							
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
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8001 Printed copy of patent w/o color							15.00

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Art Unit: 2623

For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CHECKING AN IMAGE OF AN
OBJECT AGAINST A STORED
REGISTRATION IMAGE

Examiner: C. M. Larose

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(E)**

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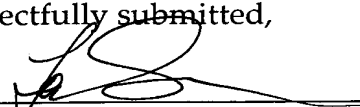
Applicants have received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the October 20, 2006 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element.

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